CERTIFICATE OF MAILING beach certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail.in an envelope addressed to: imissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. Maria J. Sousa Typed or Printed Name Date Signature 12006 GUID-008CON2 Attorney Docket **AMENDMENT** Confirmation No. 2852 First Named Inventor Benetti 10/670,152 Application Number Address to: 09/24/2003 Filing Date Commissioner for Patents 3733 Group Art Unit P.O. Box 1450 Philogene, Pedro **Examiner Name**

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This amendment is being submitted concurrently with the filing of the Request for Continued Examination in the instant application, and addresses comments made in the Advisory Action mailed July 19, 2006. The amendment filed under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 on June 29, 2006 has been requested to be entered and this amendment is requested to be entered subsequent to the amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.116. In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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